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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - PLENARY - 26 AUGUST
AFTERNOON MEETING

SUMMARY. AUGUST 26 AFTERNOON MEETING OF PLENARY HEARD FOLLOWING
TWELVE COUNTRY STATEMENTS: GUATEMALA, TANZANIA, NEPAL,
BARBADOS, MALAYSIA, BOLIVIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PORTUGAL,
GUINEA-BISSAU, CHILE, AUSTRIA, QATAR. END SUMMARY.

1. GUATEMALA. MADE A BLAND STATEMENT THAT MENTIONED NEITHER
THE DRAFT WPPA NOR THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. SAID GUATEMALA
FAVORED THE INTEGRATED MCH APPROACH WITH SPECIFIED FUNCTIONAL

INFORMATION PROGRAMS. THEY ALSO CALLED NMR FAIR TRADE TREATMENT.

2. TANZANIA. REJOICED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS,
WERE VERY HAPPY AT THE PRESENCE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE
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LON NOI CLIQUE. REGRETTED ABSENCE OF PRG, REJOICED IN ABSENCE

OF SOUTH AFRICA WHO THEY CASTIGATED AT LENGTH. TOLD HOW RHODESIA WAS FORCING MANY WORKING BACK WOMEN TO TAKE THE PILL TO SHOW HOW A POPULATION POLICY COULD BE PROSTITUTED. QUOTED FROM THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF GA AT LENGTH. SAID A POPULATION PROGRAM COULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF INEQUITY "EVEN IF TANZANIA'S POPULATION WAS ONE HALF WHAT IT IS AND GNP WAS THE SAME, PER CAPITA GNP WOULD BE \$200." REGRETTED THE MATERIALISTIC APPROACH SEEN AT THE WPC AND CALLED FOR A COMPLETE SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION. LAUDED THE FINNISH AND NETHERLANDS STATEMENTS FOR THEIR PUTTING NEARLY

ALL THE BLAME ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES--RESTING REFORMS, SOCIAL JUSTICE, ETC.

3. NEPAL CAME OUT STRONGLY FOR FAMILY PLANNING AS AN INDISPENSIBLE PART OF FASTER, JUST DEVELOPMENT. TOLD OF NEPAL'S 224 CLINICS, STRESS ON THE VILLAGE UNIT AND IMPROVING STATUS OF WOMEN, LAUDED THE DECLARATION ON FOOD AND POPULATION PRESENTED TO THE SYG IN APRIL 1974.

4. BARBADOS - CAME OUT STRONGLY FOR THE DRAFT WPPA. DESCRIBED HOW ITS FP PROGRAM WAS A VITAL COMPONENT OF ITS DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM AND HAD HELPED DROP ITS CRUDE BIRTH RATE FROM 33 PER 1,000NN 1960 TO 20 BY 1973. THANKED UNFPA AND IPFF AND DESCRIBED BARBADOS NEW PUSHES TOWARD INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE AND EXPANDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

5. MALAYSIA - SAID IT WAS FACING UP TO THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF ITS PRESENT 2.7 PERCENT POPULATION GROWTH RATE BUT WAS CONVINCED IT COULD BRING IT DOWN AND ERADICATE POVERTY VIA DETERMINATION AND THE KIND OF ASSISTANCE IT WAS RECEIVING FROM IBRD AND UNFPA. STRONGLY FAVORED ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT WPPA.

6. BOLIVIA - SPENT MOST OF ITS TIME SAYING IT NEEDED TO REGAIN A SEA COST IN ORDER TO GET BACK IN THE MAIN STREAM AND TRADE CURRENTS OF THE WORLD AND THUS BE INSPIRED TO DEVELOP ITS RICH VAST UNDERPOPULATED AREAS. SAID BEGINNING TO GET GOOD VIBRATIONS FROM PRESIDENTS OF MEXICO, VENEZUELA AND OTHERS RE ITS SEA COST DESIRES. WANTS DRAFT WPPA TO ADD PART DESIGNED DISCOURAGE OR PROHIBIT WORKERS FROM EMIGRATING.

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7. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - CAME OUT STRONGLY FOR DRAFT WPPA, TOLD HOW POPULATION 400 PERCENT SINCE 1920, THAT ITS POPULATION GROWTH RATE WAS WELL OVER GREE AND IT WAS TAKING FP MEASURES INTEGRATED INTO ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO TRY TO BRING IT DOWN IN ITS NEW 1974-1978 POPULATION PLAN THAT UNFPA WAS HELPING FINANCE.

8. PORTUGAL - SAID IT HAD BROKEN ITS PAINFULLY HUMILIATING

FASCIST SHACKLES AND WAS AGAIN ON THE ROAD TO DIGNITY AND LIBERTY. SAID WORLDS POPULATION GROWING FAR TOO FAST AND THAT BECAUSE ONE FOURTH OF ALL PORTUGUESE WERE PRESENTLY LIVING OUT OF THE COUNTRY WORKING AS MIGRANTS, PORTUGAL WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE MIGRATION PART OF THE WPPA AND INDEED WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS SET UP. WARMLY WELCOMED THE NEXT NATIONAL TO THE ROSTRUM: GUINEA-BISSAU.

9. GUINEA-BISSAU - THANKED ALL COUNTRIES WHO HAD SUPPORTED HER VICTORIOUS TWELVE YEAR FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE. SAID BECAUSE OF WAR AND DROUGHT HER POPULATION WAS ONLY GROWING AT 1 PERCENT AND THAT OPPRESSION AND PLUNDERS OF NATURAL RESOURCES WERE THE WORLD'S CHIEF PROBLEMS TO ERADICATE NOT THE POPULATION PROBLEM ESPECIALLY AS BOTH WOMEN AND YOUTH WERE KEY PARTS OF THE FIGHT AGAINST OPPRESSION. SAID CAPE VERDE SHOULD ALSO GET IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE UNDER PAIGC AUSPICES. HOPED FOR GENEROUS DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE FROM GUINEA-BISSAU'S FRIENDS.

10. CHILE - SAID, AS USSR WALKED OUT, IT GENERALLY FAVORED DRAFT WPPA, THAT CHILE HAD A PROGRAM THAT SOUGHT TO HELP ALL FAMILIES FREELY REGULATE THEIR FERTILITY BUT HAD NO POPULATION POLICY AS SUCH. CURRENTLY GROWING AT 1.9 PERCENT. WOMEN HAD COMPLETE EQUALITY IN CHILE. NUMBER AND SPACING OF CHILDREN AS INALIENABLE RIGHT AND CUBA'S ATTACKS UPON IT AT THE WPC AS UNACCEPTABLE.

11. AUSTRALIA - STRONGLY SUPPORTED DRAFT WPPA AND REMINDED

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OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE WORLD. SAID GOA PLANNED TO DO MORE IN THE POPULATION ASSISTANCE AREA BOTH BI-AND MULTI-LATERALLY WITH EMPHASIS ON THE PACIFIC AREA AND BANGLADESH WERE IT PLANNED PUT \$2 MILLION IN AN IBRD-HEADED MULTI-DONOR POPULATION EFFORT. SAID NO PREVIOUS SOCIETY IN HISTORY HAD EVER HAD TO FACE UP TO STOPPING THE PERPETUATION OF 12 PERCENT

ANNUAL GROWTH IN WORLD POPULATION NOR THE WHOLE LARGE PARTS OF THE WORLD MOVING TO SEVENTY PLUS LONGEVITY;"

12. QATAR-DESCRIBED HOW GOVERNMENT FAST CREATING UTOPIA IN QATAR IN THE HOUSING, EDUCATION, HEALTH, ETC., FIELDS. SAID THEY HAD LEARNED MUCH OF THE DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES FACING WORLD BY ATTENDING WPC. SLAPPED AT ISRAEL, SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA, AND AT WESTERN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE

FOR NDEATING AND ATTEMPTING PERPETUATE DEVELOMENTAL GAP.
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